Title IV Electronic Processes



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Schools in the Direct Loan Program communicate electronically with the U.S. Department of Education (ED) and ED's Direct Loan contractors. Electronic capability is a requirement for participating in the program.

Minimum Electronic Processes for Schools

- ◆ Participating in the Title IV Wide Area Network (TIV WAN).
 - ♦ The TIV WAN enrollment document can be downloaded (in PDF format).
 See "Dear Colleague" Letter GEN 98-24 at http://ifap.ed.gov
- For the 1998-99 processing year and beyond:
 - ♦ receiving Institutional Student Information Records (ISIRs),
 - ♦ adding the school to the Central Processing System (CPS) Record, and
 - ♦ having online access to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS).
- Having access to ED's Information for Financial Aid Professionals (IFAP) Web site (http://ifap.ed.gov).
- Submitting the Application for Approval to Participate in Federal Student Financial Aid
 Programs (initial certification, recertification, reinstatement, and changes) through the Internet.
- ♦ Submitting the Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate (FISAP) through TIV WAN.
- ♦ For the 1999-2000 award year and beyond:
 - ♦ reporting Federal Pell Grant payments electronically through TIV WAN,
 - ♦ submitting Student Status Confirmation Report (SSCR) data electronically to NSLDS, and
 - ♦ submitting Federal Perkins Loan data electronically to NSLDS.

Technical Specifications Required for Electronic Processing by Schools

Minimum Hardware Configuration for Schools

- IBM or fully IBM-compatible PC
- ♦ 200 MHZ Pentium processor or comparable
- 64 MB RAM
- ♦ 4.0 GB SCSI Hard Drive
- 56K Analog Modem
- ◆ 3.5-inch/1.44 MB Diskette Drive
- SVGA Monitor
- Windows 95 Keyboard
- ♦ Laser printer capable of printing on standard paper (8.5 x 11-inch)
- ♦ 12 x CD-ROM with sound board
 - ♦ Needed if school wants to use the EDExpress Tutorial and the AWARE software.

Minimum Software Requirements for Schools

- 32 bit operating system
- Windows 95, Windows 98, or Windows NT 4.x
- an Internet Service Provider (ISP)
- Netscape Navigator 3.0 or 3.01 (domestic), Explorer 4.0, Explorer 4.01 (with 5PA), or other Web browser
 - ❖ ED is testing other Web browsers that will be made available to the public in the near future.

Other Requirements for Schools

- Dedicated phone line
- ♦ 3.5-inch high density, double-sided diskettes